

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 9, 2005 ("Office Action"). Claims 1 to 49 remain in the application. Claims 1, 13, 17, 21, 26, 29, 33, 34, 46, 47, 48, and 49 have been amended. Claims 1, 13, 17, 21, 26, 29, 34, 46, 48 and 49 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Turning to the substance of the Office Action, Claim 47 had been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1 to 49 had been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over US Patent No. 6,668,134 ("Niikawa"). Claim 47 has been amended to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 101 according to the Office Action's suggestion.

The present invention concerns an information processing system for transferring data between information processing apparatuses.

Amended independent Claim 1 is directed to an information processing system for transferring a data file between information processing apparatuses, each including a storage device and comprising a transmission-directory acquisition means, a transmitted-directory acquisition means, and a generation means. The transmission-directory acquisition means is used for acquiring a number of transmission directories having each data file to be transmitted as a subordinate directory. The transmitted-directory acquisition means is used for acquiring a number of transmitted directories having each transmitted data file as a subordinate directory. The generation means uses a signal indicating a status of progress of transfer of data files based on the number of transmission directories acquired by the transmission-directory acquisition means and the number of transmitted directories acquired by the transmitted-directory acquisition means, wherein a display of the status of progress of transfer is updated continuously.

Similarly, currently amended independent Claims 13, 17, 21, 26, and 29 are directed to apparatuses that include the feature of a display of a status indicator of a progress of a transfer that is updated continuously as in Claim 1.

In contrast, Niikawa discloses an image recording device which automatically transfers a key information file together with the corresponding image data from one storage medium into another storage medium. (column 1, lines 56 to 62 of Niikawa). While Niikawa discloses a screen displaying the status of progress of transfer of a single frame (FIG. 12 (D32) and column 13, line 25 to column 14, line 22 of Niikawa), Niikawa is silent on a feature of a display of the status of progress of transfer of multiple data files, much less such a feature wherein the status is updated continuously. Thus, Niikawa cannot disclose or suggest the feature of a display of a status indicator of a progress of a transfer that is updated continuously.

In light of the deficiencies of the cited reference, Applicant submits that Claims 1, 13, 17, 21, 26, and 29 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended Claims 34 and 47 are directed to a method and a computer-readable medium storing a program, respectively, corresponding to the apparatus of Claim 1. Applicant submits that the remarks above in support of amended Claim 1 apply equally to amended Claims 34 and 47. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 34 and 47 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended Claims 46 and 49 are directed to methods corresponding to the apparatus of Claim 21. Applicant submits that the remarks above in support of amended Claim 21 apply equally to amended Claims 46 and 49. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 46 and 49 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

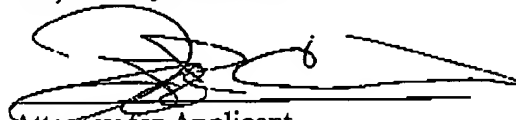
Amended Claim 48 is directed to a method corresponding to the apparatus of Claim 1. Applicant submits that the remarks above in support of amended Claim 1 apply equally to amended Claim 48. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 48 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

The other pending claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. However, individual consideration of each dependent claim on its own merits is respectfully requested as each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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